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DISCRIMINATION IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FOR DROUGHT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints from certain States of discrimination in providing assistance for drought;

(b) the names of the States which have complained of such discrimination and the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): In addition to release of Central Share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) is considered for natural calamities(including droughts) of severe nature, in accordance with the prescribed procedure. This has been followed while determining assistance from NCCF to the States for current year`s drought.No specific complaints have so far been received from the drought affected States in this regard.